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In re Application of:

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ANTIBODY AND USES THEREOF



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is in reply to the action mailed 25 July 2002. The Examiner set a one-month period for response making the due date for reply 26 August 2002, 25 August falling on a Sunday.

REMARKS

The Examiner of Record divided the invention into 10 groups as follows:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 17, drawn to an antibody.
- II. Claims 5 and 19, drawn to an antigen and a method for detecting antibodies against HCV.
- III. Claims 6-8, drawn to a polynucleotide and a vector and cells comprising the polynucleotide.
- IV. Claims 9-10, drawn to a method of preparing antibody.
- V. Claim 11, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition.
- VI. Claims 12 and 16, drawn to a diagnostic composition.
- VII. Claims 13 and 15, drawn to a method for using a composition to prevent the HCV.
- VIII. Claims 14-15, drawn to a method for alleviating the HCV.